

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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SENATE BILL NO. 175
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006

The following bill was reported to the House from the Senate and ordered to be printed.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

AN ACT relating to anesthesiologist assistants.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has a shortage of qualified anesthesia providers; and

WHEREAS, only two anesthesiologist assistants are currently certified to practice in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, anesthesiologist assistants are certified or licensed to practice in several other states; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky General Assembly recognizes the need for qualified anesthesia team members;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall conduct a study comparing 1 and analyzing the certification and scope of practice requirements of anesthesiologist 2 assistants in Kentucky to those requirements in all states that statutorily license or certify 3 anesthesiologist assistants. The analysis undertaken shall compare and contrast the 4 certification or licensure requirements of anesthesiologist assistants in other states with 5 the certification requirements of anesthesiologist assistants in Kentucky; evaluate the 6 training, certification or licensure requirements, and scope of practice of anesthesiologist 7 assistants and other anesthesia providers, including but not limited to certified registered 8 nurse anesthetists, in Kentucky and other states where anesthesiologist assistants are 9 statutorily licensed or certified to practice; and gather data and testimony from affected 10 persons and professionals regarding the scope of practice and certification or licensure 11 requirements for anesthesiologist assistants in the Commonwealth. 12

Section 2. The Legislative Research Commission shall transmit the results of the study required by Section 1 of this Act to the appropriate committees by December 15, 2006.

Section 3. Provisions of this legislation to the contrary notwithstanding, the

- 1 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the
- 2 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to
- designate a study completion date.

President of the Senate

Speaker-House of Representatives

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Date 4/9/06

Governor

Attest:

Approved